

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 11-16, and 19-21 have been rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1-8 of U.S. Patent No. 7,291,612 and claims 1-7 of U.S. Patent No. 7,081,456.

To expedite prosecution in the present application, and not to acquiesce to the Examiner's rejections, Applicants have submitted herewith duly executed Terminal Disclaimers. Accordingly, the obviousness-type double patenting rejections have been obviated.

In view of the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order. Such action is earnestly solicited.

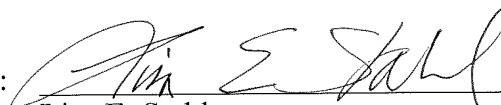
In the event that there are any questions relating to this Reply or the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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